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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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Part I

Organizational Data

Designation

5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP) (REIN)

Subordinate Units

Bravo Platoon 5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP) (REIN)

Charlie Platoon 5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP) (REIN)

Attached Units

Alpha Platoon (8" Howitzer)
1st Platoon, 5th 8" Howitzer Battery

Location

- a. Battery Headquarters
- b. A and B Platoons
- e. C Platoon

Commanding

Maj A. B. THOMPSON JR. 1-31 July 1969

Executive Officer

Capt C. W. GIANNETTI 1-31 July 1969

Commanding

Capt J. J. MUIHOLLAND 1-31 July 1969

lstLt J. W. LUCEY 1-31 July 1969

Commanding

Capt J. J. MULHOLLAND 1-31 July 1969

1-31 July 1969 Dong Ha West

1-31 July 1969 Varder grift Combat Base

1-31 July 1969 Fire Support Base Elliot (Rockpile)

Average Monthly Strength

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Part II Narrative Summary

During July 1969, the 5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP) (REIN), commanded by Major A. B. THOMPSON JR., remained under operational control of the 106th Artillery Group USA and continued in its mission of reinforcing the fires of the 12th Marine Regiment.

Events of interest this month include a visit by General CARNEY, Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, to the platoon position at Vandergrift Combat Base. lstLt W. W. MILES having completed his tour in Vietnam returned on PCS orders to the United States. XXIV Corps inspected all Fire Direction Centers and the firing batteries. On 19 July 1969, the 3d Marine Division Medical Inspection Team visited the battery and conducted an inspection. The Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry was presented to 1stLt J. GORTER by Colonel W. W. CROMPTON, Commanding Officer, 12th Marines. The Battery Civic Action Program assumed CA/MEDCAP responsibilities of Thia Trang. The battery joined 2ndLt J. B. HATFIELD on 26 July 1969. Courtesy inspections by cognizant Staff Sections of the 12th Marines were conducted and will continue into August. On 27 July 1969, Major A. B. THOMPSON JR. and 1stSgt G. D. WALKER visited 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade Headquarters to clarify certain matters.

Rounds expended from Vandergrift Combat Base during July were 684 for Alpha and 1751 for Bravo.

Charlie Platoon fired 1980 rounds of 175mm during July.

The battery fired in support of 3rd Marine Division in the following Operations: GEORGIA TAR, ARLINGTON CANYON, IDAHO CANYON and in support of unamed operations in the ARVN and RECON zones.

The largest expenditure of rounds continued to be fired in support of seismatic intrusion devices and prep fires. Other targets fired were TIO's and rocket supression. Target surveillance of observed targets credited the battery with six enemy killed and the destruction of several bunkers.

The battery's over all status for July continues in an over all C-1 status. Critical MOS shortages appear in the 2151 field. It is predicted that unless the battery is replenished in the 0844 field, a shortage may occur.

The battery continues to support Regimental A0's within the 3rd Division A0.

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Part III Sequential Listing of Significant Events

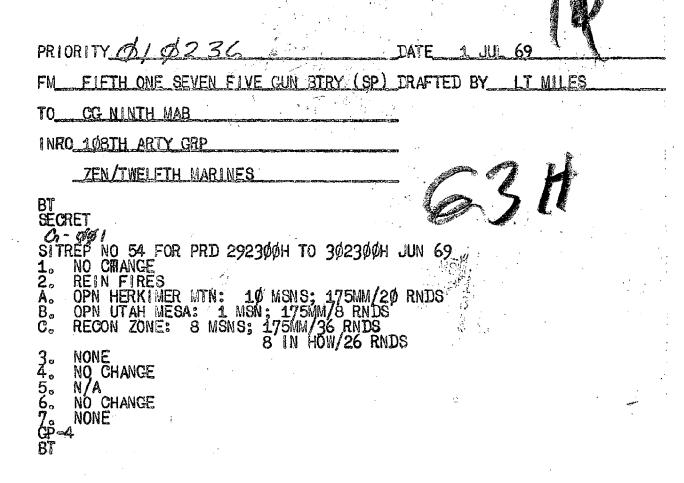
8 July 1969	General CARNEY, CG 9thMAB, visited platoon position at Vandergrift Combat Base
8 July 1969	lstLt W. W. MILES detached PCS to CONUS
10 July 1969	XXIV Corps inspected FDC and Firing Batteries at all posi- tions
19 July 1969	3rd Marine Division Medical Inspection Team inspected the battery
21 July 1969	lstLt J. GORTER presented the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry by Colonel W. W. CROMPTON
22 July 1969	Assumed CA/MEDCAP responsibi- lities for village of Thia Trang from 2/12
26 July 1969	2ndLt J. B. HATFIELD joined battery
27 July 1969	Major THOMPSON and latSgt WALKER visited 9th MAB Headen quarters
28 July 1969	Captain PIKE, 12th Marines Ordnance Officer held courtesy inspection of firing batteries

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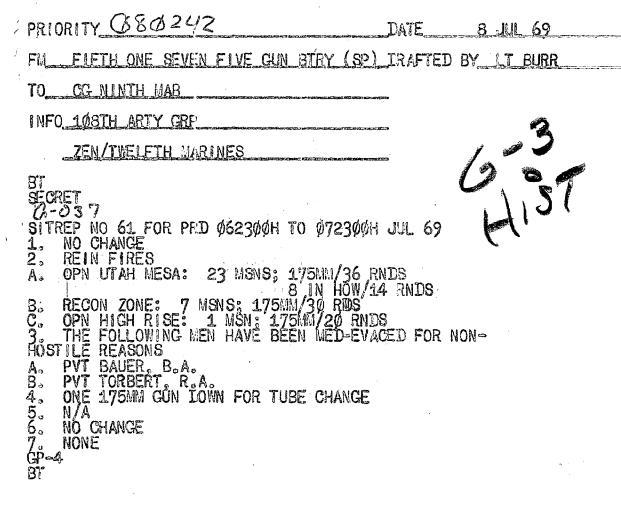
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B. 2ND ARVN A.O.: 1 MSN 175MM/2 RDS C. RECON ZONE: 23 MSNS 175MM/67 RDS	
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